

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA SENATE 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION**

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN GERALD PEASE**, on February 6, 2007 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 405 Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Sen. Gerald Pease, Chairman (D)  
Sen. Jerry W. Black (R)  
Sen. Roy Brown (R)  
Sen. John Brueggeman (R)  
Sen. Vicki Cocchiarella (D)  
Sen. Sam Kitzenberg (D)  
Sen. Jesse Laslovich (D)  
Sen. Frank Smith (D)  
Sen. Donald J. Steinbeisser (R)

**Members Excused:** None.

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Andrew Geiger, Legislative Branch  
Lois O'Connor, Committee Secretary

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 384, 2/1/2007; SB 386, 2/1/2007;  
HJ 3, 2/1/2007  
Executive Action: SB 384, SB 386, HJ 3

00:00:50

**HEARING ON SB 384**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:02:05 **SEN. DAVID WANZENRIED (D), SD 49**, opened the hearing on **SB 384**, Revise abandoned vehicle laws.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:04:14 Bob Gilbert, Montana Tow Truck Association (MTTA)

00:06:22 Tom McGree, Milo's Towing, Butte

00:08:16 Scott Wolfe, Iron Horse Towing, Missoula

**Opponents' Testimony:** None.

**Informational Testimony:**

00:09:41 Ed Thamke, Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:10:07 Sen. Vicki Cocchiarella to Sen. Wanzenried rereferred to Mr. Gilbert, MTTA

00:11:07 Sen. Roy Brown to Sen. Wanzenried

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:12:18 Sen. Wanzenried closed on SB 384

00:12:20 Break

00:23:41 Reconvene

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 384**

00:23:42 **Motion/Vote:** **SEN. SMITH** moved that **SB 384 DO PASS**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. **SEN. STEINBEISSER** voted aye by proxy. **SEN. KITZENBERG** was excused.

**HEARING ON SB 386**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:24:56 **SEN. JIM SHOCKLEY (R), SD 45**, opened the hearing on **SB 386**, Revise motor vehicle laws.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:26:21 Brenda Nordlund, Montana Department of Justice (DOJ)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None.

**Informational Testimony:** None.

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:** None.

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:27:25 Sen. Shockley closed on SB 386

**HEARING ON HJ 3**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:27:51 **REP. JOHN MUSGROVE (D), HD 34**, opened the hearing on **HJ 3**, Urge port of Wild Horse be kept open 24 hours.

**EXHIBIT**(his26a01)

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:35:05 Representative Bob Bergren, HD 33

00:35:27 Senator Ken Hansen, SD 17

00:36:45 Bob Severson, Havre

00:44:47 Charles Grant, Havre

00:46:29 Mike Anderson, Hill County Commissioner

00:46:59 Robert Gaul, Havre

00:47:54 Jim Treperinas, Havre

00:48:31 Jim Lynch, Director, Montana Department of Transportation (DOT)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None.

**Informational Testimony:** None.

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:49:25 Sen. Frank Smith to Rep. Musgrove

00:50:07 Sen. Jerry Black to Rep. Musgrove

00:51:38 Sen. Smith to Director Lynch, DOT

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:54:20 Rep. Musgrove closed on HR 3. Sen. Ken Hansen will  
carry

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJ 3**

00:55:37 **Motion/Vote:** SEN. LASLOVICH moved that HJ 3 BE  
CONCURRED IN. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.  
SEN. BLACK and SEN. STEINBEISSER voted aye by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 386**

00:56:25 **Motion:** SEN. LASLOVICH moved that SB 386 DO PASS.

**Discussion:**

00:56:50 Sen. Cocchiarella to Sen. Jesse Laslovich

00:57:25 **Vote:** Motion that SB 386 DO PASS carried unanimously  
by voice vote. SEN. BLACK and SEN. STEINBEISSER voted  
aye by proxy.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 4:00 P.M.

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SEN. GERALD PEASE, Chairman

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LOIS O'CONNOR, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

**EXHIBIT ([his26aad.pdf](#))**